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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT TO JERUSALEM

1. TWO AWKWARD SLIPS HAVE SOMEWHAT MARRED WALDHEIM'S JERUSALEM VISIT. IN AUGUST 30 STOP AT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL OF YAD VASHEM, WHICH IS CONSIDERED BY ISRAELIS AS A RELIGIOUS SITE RE-
QURING

HEAD COVERING, SYG WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH HIS OWN HAT AND WAS UNWILLING TO PUT ON SKULL CAP OFFERED TO HIM BY HIS HOSTS. INCIDENT GIVEN CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PLAY BY PRESS AND RADIO. JERUSALEM POST CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED "REFUSED TO WEAR CAP AT YAD VASHEM." SENIOR UNTSO SOURCE CONFIRMED OUR SUPPOSITION THAT SYG WAS UNWILLING TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN TYPICAL JEWISH SKULL CAP OUT OF CONCERN FOR REACTIONS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. BAD STAFF PLANNING HAD LEFT HIM UNAWARE OF HEAD COVERING REQUIREMENT UNTIL HE ARRIVED AT SITE. WALDHEIM ALSO SAID BY OUR UNTSO SOURCE TO BE CONSIDERABLY UPSET OVER AFFAIR.

2. LATER ON SAME DAY, IN TOAST RESPONSE AT EBAN'S DINNER, WALDHEIM ALLUDED TO JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL OF ISRAEL (ACCORDING
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TO JERUSALEM POST, "WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL

COUNTRY AND IN YOUR CAPITAL.") PRESS AND RADIO PICKED THIS UP AS WELL, AND JERUSALEM POST QUOTED EBAN AS SAYING "DR. WALDHEIM'S USE OF THE PHRASE 'YOUR CAPITAL' WAS NOT INADVERTANT." OUR UNTSO SOURCE HAS INFORMED US THAT SYG'S SPOKESMAN HAS ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE ALLUSION WAS INADVERTANT, THAT THE POSITION OF THE UN REGARDING JERUSALEM HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN MANY UN DOCUMENTS AND THAT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT SYG'S INTENTION TO DEVIATE FROM THAT POSITION. SOURCE TELLS US THAT WALDHEIM WAS TIRED AFTER 18-HOUR DAY AND SIMPLY LAPSED INTO FORMULA HE COSTOMARILY USES IN HIS VISITS.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER INCIDENT IS IMPORTANT, BUT NET EFFECT OF BOTH WILL BE NEGATIVE FROM ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW. IN EYES OF PUBLIC INCLINED TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF UN, THEY WILL DETRACT FROM WALDHEIM'S EFFORT TO OVERCOME THIS IMAGE.
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